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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR MOPS MILI SY LE IS
SUBJ: LEBANON: TUENI-NEWSOM CONVERSATION

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1. WHILE GHASSAN TUENI IS AN ENORMOUSLY INTELLIGENT AND ATTRACTIVE FELLOW, AND IS VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MINE AND I VALUE HIS INSIGHTS VERY MUCH, HE IS FREE-WHEELING. IT IS ALL VERY WELL TO DISCUSS IDEAS WITH HIM, BUT WE SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT HE IS PREPARED TO PROPOSE THEM WITHOUT TOO MUCH FORETHOUGHT AS TO WHETHER THEY ARE REALLY PRACTICAL OR WHETHER HIS GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPORT THEM. HIS PROPOSAL FOR MINI-SUMMIT SOME DAYS AGO, FOR INSTANCE, APPARENTLY SPARKED OUR EFFORT IN THAT REGARD. IT WAS NOT CLEARED IN ADVANCE WITH GOL, WHICH PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TOLD HIM NOT TO DO IT. THERE IS MUCH TO BE SAID FOR INNOVATION AND FOR DISREGARDING GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE FUSTY OR INCAPABLE, BUT IT CAN BE DANGEROUS. GHASSAN IS TRYING TO GET US TO PUT ACROSS SOMETHING HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DO
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HIMSELF, AND HE IS SKATING ON VERY THIN ICE.

2. I DON'T THINK ANY HARM HAS BEEN DONE BY OUR TAKING UP THE MINI-SUMMIT IDEA WITH SYRIANS IN SPITE OF LEBANESE REQUEST THAT WE NOT DO SO, AND IT MAY ACTUALLY DO SOME GOOD. (BOUTROS WAS AMUSED THAT KHADDAM HAD NOT TURNED IDEA DOWN FLAT AND SAID IT WAS BECAUSE THERE WAS

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CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT AND HE WAS CONFIDENT MEETING WOULD NOT NEED TO BE HELD.) I AM CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE PERHAPS REACTING TOO QUICKLY. WE WANT TO GET EVERYTHING DONE IN A HURRY, BUT AT THIS POINT WE CANNOT GET THE LEBANESE TO MOVE FASTER. HAVING MADE AN UNACCUSTOMED SPRINT AND STUMBLED BADLY, THEY ARE GOING TO MOVE VERY CAUTIOUSLY, IF AT ALL.
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